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## UNITED STATES WAR DEBT REBUFF.

"EUROPE MUST SETTLE HER OWN DEBT PROBLEMS."

## LAVAL OVERTURE FAILS.

**M. LAVAL'S ATTEMPT** to secure an assurance from the United States that if Germany is granted a relief in reparations, a corresponding relief will be accorded America's debtors, has failed.

The American response to his overtures has been a declaration that Europe must settle her own debts problem.

When M. Laval visited the United States in October last, it was insisted that Europe should take the initiative in curtailing inter-governmental payments, but an assurance was given that if reparations were reduced, America would do its part regarding war debts. M. Laval sought a re-assurance in view of the antagonistic attitude of Congress, and while the door has not been slammed, he has failed to obtain confirmation of the pledge.

It is a strange outcome of the professions with which America entered the war—"No indemnities and no reparation"—that she maintains a position giving her the largest share of German reparations and declines to admit the fact.

## THE BALFOUR NOTE BEAU GESTE.

London, Jan. 19. The situation regarding the proposed reparations Conference is still uncertain although clarification is anticipated during the next day or two as a result of exchanges between the Governments concerned.

To-day, M. Laval outlined the policy of his new Cabinet and it is generally expected that he will receive a vote of confidence.

Meanwhile, press messages state that he has approached the United States administration, through the American Ambassador in Paris, regarding their attitude to a possible extension of the Hoover Moratorium.

Washington press messages state that if Europe draws up concrete plans to meet the present emergency, the United States will give them careful consideration, but they will not participate in the preliminary negotiations. —British Wireless.

Reports Confirmed.

Paris, Jan. 19. It is officially confirmed that M. Laval has sounded the American Ambassador, Mr. Walter Edge, in regard to the chances of the United States agreeing to a six months' or a year's extension of the Hoover Moratorium.

Mr. Edge has not yet received a formal reply from the State Department, but has indicated that public and political opinion in the United States is against the renewal of the Moratorium.

It is stated that Mr. Edge also pointed out that as no Allied payment to American are due before December 16, 1932, there will be a de facto five and half months' extension of the moratorium.

Moreover, the United States presidential elections are being held in November and the result will doubtless influence the subsequent American attitude. —Reuter.

## DOOR NOT SLAMMED.

Washington, Dec. 19. It is expected that the United States Government will reply to M. Laval's moratorium overture by declaring that Europe must seek her own settlement.

While there is no disposition in the United States to "slam the door" against the possibility of further American concessions, it is held to be essential to any such concessions that Europeans first restore confidence among themselves.

When that has been done, it is indicated, America may consider a demand for further debt postponement.

America's Reply Sent.

Later. The American Government's reply has been despatched. The

## FRENCH GIANT LINER IN JEOPARDY.

## SENATE REFUSE ASSISTANCE.

Paris, Jan. 19. The Finance Commission to the Senate has rejected the Government's plan for financial assistance to the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, in connexion with the building of the super-liner de France.

The Commission decided that apart from purely temporary financial arrangements, the only measure it could support would be the establishment of a new organization within the framework of the general policy of development of the mercantile marine.

Such a project could not be drawn up until the Company has been put upon a sound financial basis.

A questionnaire on the issues is being submitted to the Cabinet. —Reuter.

## BANDIT TRAIN HOLD-UP.

## SPANISH CHAOS.

Madrid, Jan. 19. Twenty-five bandits attempted to hold up a goods train travelling from Bilbao to Madrid to-day. The alarm brought Civil Guards quickly to the scene. They fired into the air and the bandits fled, but fifteen of them were arrested. —Reuter.

## "UNCLE" ARTHUR HENDERSON.

## BACK TO HIS WORK AGAIN.

London, Jan. 19. After his four months' illness Mr. Arthur Henderson resumed work at his Party Headquarters to-day. He intends to leave for Geneva at the end of the month to preside over the Disarmament Conference. —British Wireless.

## PRINCE OF WALES SCHOLARSHIP.

## FOR ARGENTINIAN STUDENTS.

London, Jan. 19. The establishment of a Prince of Wales Scholarship for Argentinian students at Oxford University was announced by His Royal Highness at a dinner held in London to-night under the auspices of the Argentine Chamber of Commerce.

It will be recalled that the Prince last year visited Buenos Aires and opened a big British Trade Exhibition there. —Reuter.

## SPANISH STRIKE FEVER.

## CATHOLIC PAPER SUSPENDED.

Madrid, Jan. 19. The general strike fever is still raging throughout Spain. Workers in Galicia have declared a strike affecting the whole province as from to-morrow.

A leading Catholic newspaper in Madrid, El Debate, has been suspended for an indefinite period for publishing a leading article criticising the Government in connexion with the labour troubles. —Reuter.

French account have been subject to delivery on call. The transfer of the balances to Paris is attributed to French expectations of an easier money policy in the United States, involving a lower rate of interest for French funds in America. —Reuter.

## OFFICIAL TRICK AT ABERDEEN.

## WRECK OF THE HEDWIG RECALLED.

## JOURNEY TO MEXICO ON LEAVING HONGKONG.

**RECALLING ROMANTIC FICTION** stories of the high seas in the brave days of old, and the drama of the Hedwig's loss a year ago, comes the revelation to-day of a suspicious enterprise, which started at Hongkong, found a change of scene in Mexico, and finally came to an inglorious finish by the confiscation by the Chinese Maritime Customs of the handsome yacht performing the task.

Brought to light by Telegraph investigations, the story is bound up with intrigue albeit it has a glamorous side. One thing is very certain, the activities of the ship, which was built in Hongkong last year, have been the cause of much fluttering in the official dockets of more than one country. At least two of the men aboard the Marbella were also on the Hedwig when she was wrecked.

## BOMB FOUND ON VESSEL'S ARREST.

When, in July last, a handsome-looking schooner of some 200 tons, complete with two fine masts, white sails and an auxiliary motor, sailed through Hongkong harbour, few people would have guessed that it was anything but a pleasure yacht, probably about to make its way to southern climes.

Yet there is excellent reason to-day to suspect that the vessel, flying a Panama flag, and holding a clearance certificate for registration in the Panamanian Mercantile Service, was setting forth on a quest which was to set American officialdom agog.

It anchored, almost in sight of Aberdeen, from where, it is believed, a number of Chinese, desirous of immigrating to America, but seeking to avoid the quota and the authorities' demand for a \$51,000 deposit for the privilege, planned to make their way to the fine-looking ship.

Counter "Propaganda." Before arriving, however, they found themselves in possession of a number of pamphlets, warning them against taking "risks."

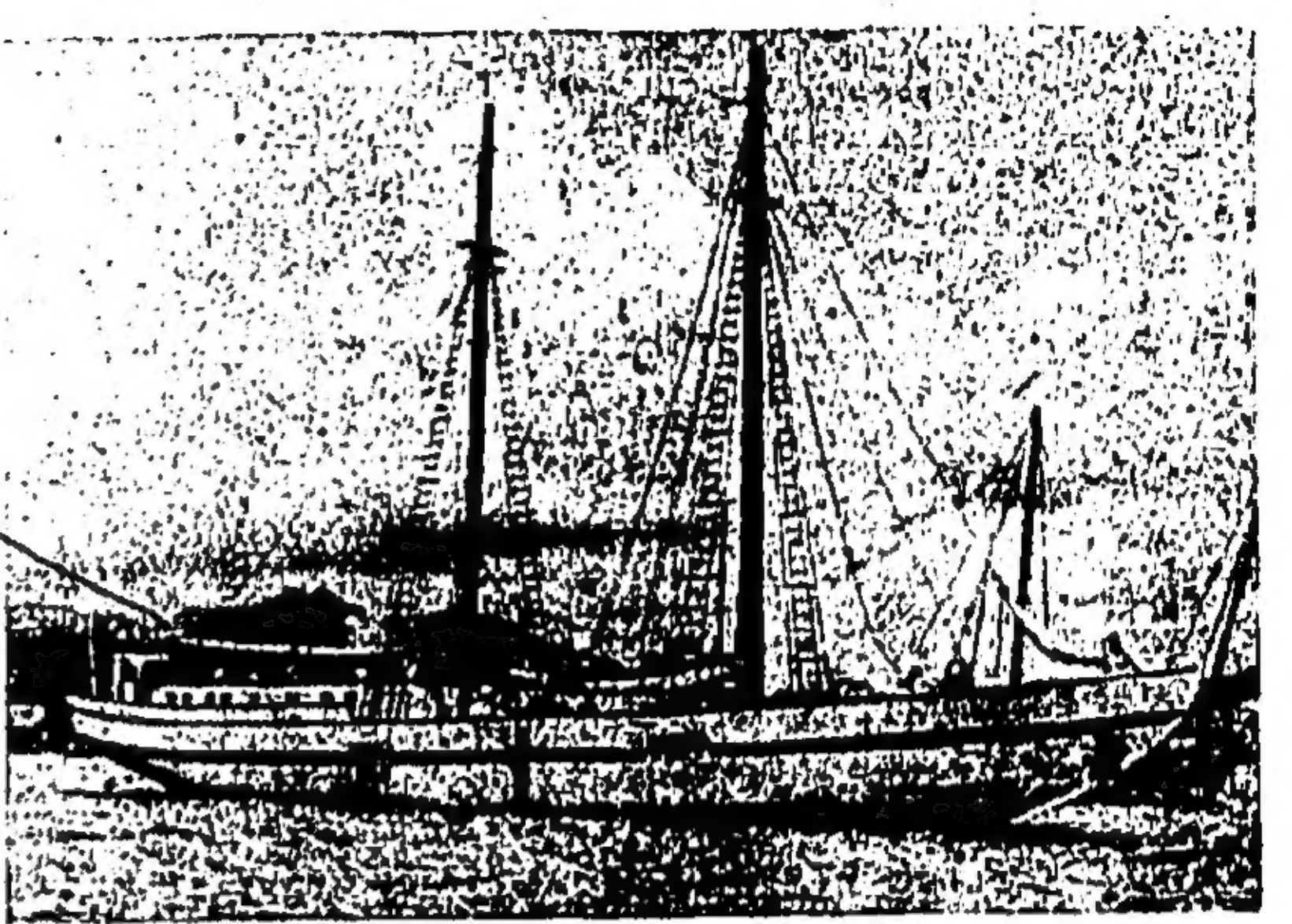
The would-be immigrants, some of whom had, it is said, paid as much as \$5200, were told that the Marbella—as the craft was named—was "full of rotten timber and liable to sink at any moment." This, though obviously untrue, seemed sufficient to persuade the immigrants against "hasty action," and they refused to go aboard.

## Next in Mexico.

Undismayed by this hitch, the Marbella, it is alleged, then made its way to Kwongchowwan, and from there, it is supposed, her "freight" was shipped. Sailing across the Pacific it eventually made tracks for a spot in the remoter regions of the Mexican coast, south of California. The story goes that the ship, fitted with wireless, sent a signal to confederates in waiting—the Marbella anchoring just inside Mexican waters—and from out of the coves and rocky inlets of the coast, dashed "contact boats," which travel anything up to 40 knots, and which landed from the Marbella whatever she had on board.

The yacht then sailed into a Mexican port, free of any evidence of smuggling, and efforts were immediately put in hand to obtain the necessary clearance in order to return.

By this time, the American



The schooner Marbella, built in Hongkong last year, which has been seized by the Chinese Maritime Customs after an adventure which took her to Mexico recently.

## PEAK ROBBERY EPIDEMIC.

## CHARGE AGAINST SOLDIERS.

Police suspicions that two soldiers arrested in a Yaumati restaurant on Monday have been concerned in recent thefts on the Peak assumed a definite form this morning, when the men were brought before Mr. Williams, at the Central Police Court, and charged with theft of valuables from the residence of Mr. H. L. Dennys, the well-known solicitor.

The accused, Thomas Hughes and William Howells, both privates in the South Wales Borderers, were charged with larceny from 168, The Peak of miscellaneous articles, including a General Service Medal and a Victory Medal and miniatures, the total value of the property being given as \$611.50.

After the charges had been read to the defendants, Hughes entered a plea of guilty, but Howells pleaded not guilty.

Mr. T. Murphy (Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation) said Mr. Dennys was indignant and the police wished the name of complainant altered to the Inspector General of Police.

His Worship:—You have heard the pleas, do you accept them?

Mr. Murphy:—No, your Worship.

His Worship:—Then we must hear the evidence.

Mr. Murphy said he understood Mr. Dennys was in hospital. The police could not proceed until he was able to appear and give evidence. He asked for a week's remand, in military custody.

"I would ask your Worship to defer sentence on the first defendant," added Mr. Murphy.

His Worship accordingly remanded both prisoners for one week.

## "CHILDREN" OF CONGRESS.

## KARACHI COURT INCIDENT.

Karachi, Jan. 19. Presenting a remarkable figure, with a garland of white flowers round his neck and a vermilion mark on his brow (emblems of sacrifice) a Congress Volunteer created a brief disturbance in a Karachi court-room to-day.

He burst into the Court while the Magistrate was in the midst of the hearing of a case, and shouted: "The Government is going bankrupt!"

He then proceeded to try and soil small packets of contraband salt. He was quickly placed under arrest.

## BRITAIN'S MID-WINTER HEAT-WAVE.

## BALMY BREEZES BLOW.

## MERCURY'S HIGH RECORD.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Jan. 19. Britain's claim to be the only country in the world which really experiences "weather," the others merely enjoying climate, is receiving new support.

At the present time, southern England is indulging in a mid-winter "heat-wave."

Londoners are abandoning their hats and coats and are being encouraged to practice still further diversions by the official forecast that "the inflow of sub-tropical Atlantic air is likely to continue to be maintained. There is no indication of a break in the extraordinary mildness."

The minimum night temperature of 51 degrees last night was the highest such January temperature ever recorded.

Winter ailments, however, are not less severe than usual. On the contrary, influenza is more prevalent than it has been for some years past.

## MONEY ROLLING IN AT HOME.

## INCOME TAXPAYERS' RESPONSE.

London, Jan. 19. The remarkable response which income-tax payers made to the request for prompt payment of the large instalment which became due on January 1st is shown by Treasury figures issued to-night to have been more than maintained in the second week of the quarter.

During the week ending January 16th, income tax paid amounted to £23,500,000, an increase of no less than £13,000,000, or approximately 175 per cent., over the amount collected in the corresponding week of last year.

The total amount collected between the 1st and 16th January was nearly £50,000,000, compared with £22,000,000 in the first seventeen days of last year.

The collection of surtax to-day is equally satisfactory. During the week ending January 16th, there was received £7,350,000, compared with £2,450,000, in the corresponding week of last year, and the total amount received in the first sixteen days of the year is £15,000,000 which shows an increase of £7,000,000 over the total received in the corresponding period of 1931. —British Wireless.



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## HON. MR. SHENTON'S ADDRESS.

### INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS.

#### ROTARY TALK.

The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton was the speaker at yesterday's Rotary Club luncheon, held in Messrs. Lane Crawford's Restaurant, when he spoke of the Institute of Pacific Relations, telling of the work they were doing and how they were doing it, also making reference to the recent conference held at Shanghai, which he attended as one of the British group. Sir William Hornell presided.

Saying that they had some very distinguished guests with them, the Chairman welcomed Sir Edward Rhodes, a partner in the firm of Messrs. Jacob Behrens and Sons, Manchester, and Director of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce; Mr. H. W. Gepp, Consultant on Development to the Commonwealth Government of Australia; Capt. Farrar, O.B.E., of the s.s. Hatching, Mr. A. Piercy and Mr. W. L. McKenzie, all of Hongkong.

The Chairman announced that on January 25, at 4.30 p.m., the Wanchai children's playground would be formally opened. He reminded them that it was to have been opened on the day of the first annual dinner of the Club but it was postponed owing to wet weather.

Referring to Capt. Farrar, the Chairman recalled the piracy of the s.s. Hatching. He added, "We shall always remember what Capt. Farrar did on that occasion but I will not repeat it."

The Chairman informed members that it had been decided to ask for contributions towards a "cushaw" to the "boys" for the Chinese New Year, and to this there was a very generous response.

#### Visitor's Remarks.

In addressing the gathering, Mr. Gepp said: "I thank you all very much for your hospitality and welcome to-day. My association with Rotary, both official and unofficial, goes back a considerable time. I had the honour of being the second President of the Melbourne Club and my last luncheon at a Rotary Club was at Tokyo a fortnight ago. The one previous to that was at Sydney just before I left Australia for the East in September last."

I left Australia originally because I had been trying for two years to get a rest in Australia but found it extremely difficult. I thought that by going so far away as China and Japan it would

be possible to have a complete rest. Just before I left, however, my Minister said to me "If you are going away what about having a little job or two to keep your hand in," but I find that these jobs have kept my hand in rather more than I had desired.

One of the greatest points of interest which brought us to the East was the conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations at Shanghai, instead of Hangchow, at which we met a very large number of most interesting people, and had many valuable and interesting discussions. One of the most valuable friendships which we made was our friendship with Mr. Shenton, who is going to address us to-day.

I am authorised to convey, from the Governor of the District controlling Sydney and other Rotary Clubs in Australia, the hearty greetings of the Rotary Clubs in Australia to the Rotary Club of Hongkong.—(Applause).

#### Mr. Shenton's Address.

In asking Mr. Shenton to speak, the Chairman said that Mr. Shenton was recently nominated by the Institute of International Relations in London to be a British representative at the Congress of Pacific Relations at Shanghai.

Mr. Shenton said in part: You have very kindly invited me to-day to speak on the work of the Institute of Pacific Relations, which held its fourth biennial conference at Shanghai recently. The first and second conferences were held at Honolulu in 1925 and 1927, and the third at Kyoto in 1929.

The conference lasted from the 21st October to the 4th November, but prior to the 21st October the International Programme Committee, representative of the various national groups, had met for the purpose of dealing, in detail, with the programme of subjects for discussion, and to consider various matters of research.

Owing to the short time at my disposal, it is not possible for me to give you more than a short outline of the history of the Institute, the work it does, and the way in which it is done, also a lightning sketch of my impressions at the last conference, which I attended as a member of the British Group.

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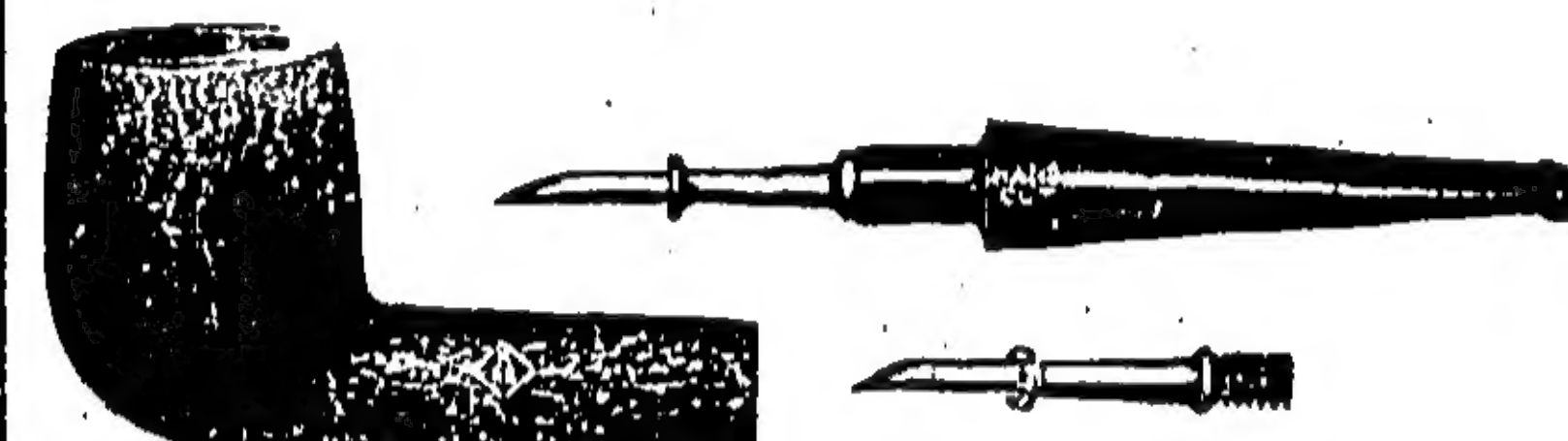
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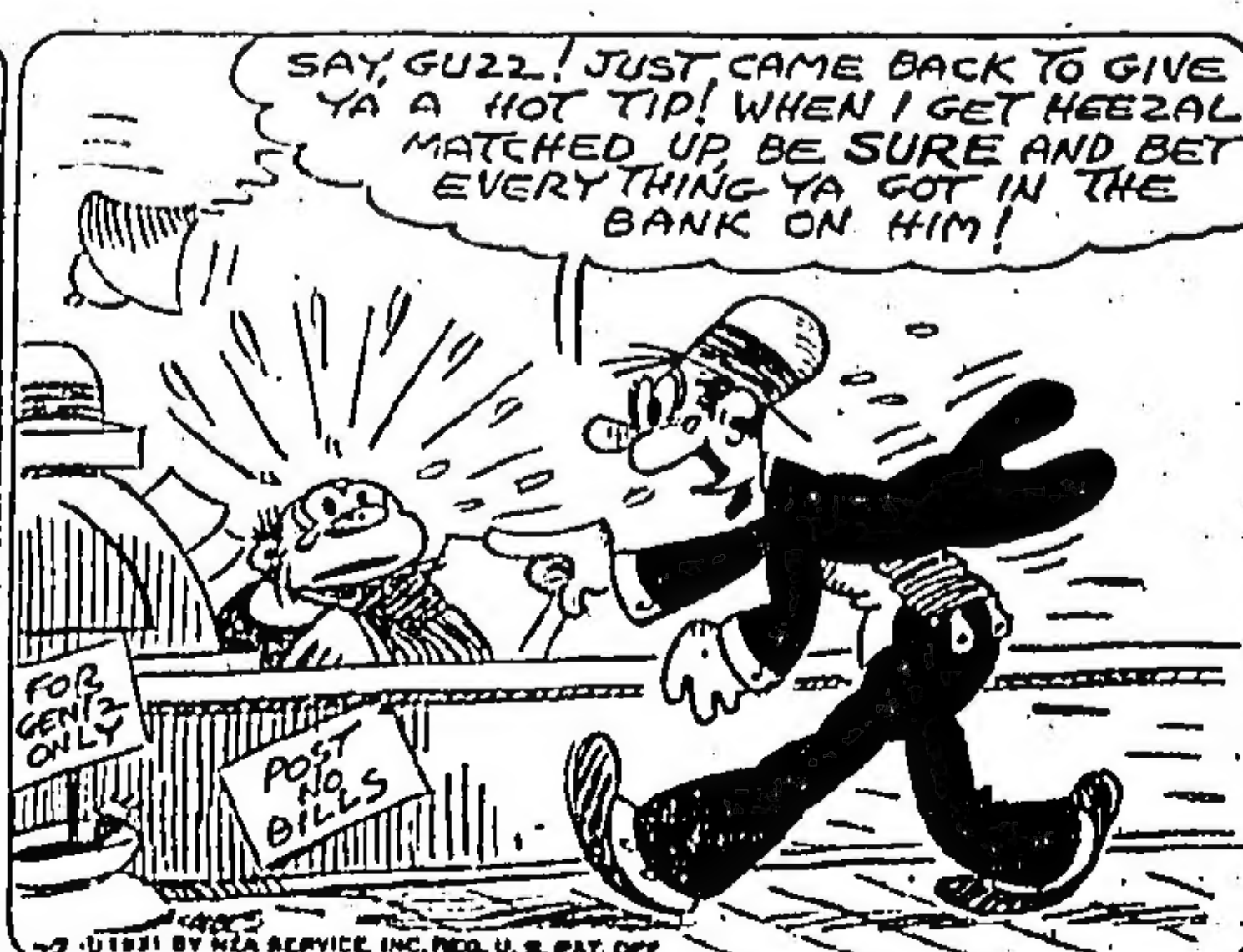


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## MANUFACTURE OF FERTILISER.

## NEW COMPANY OUTLINES ACTIVITIES.

Activities proposed by the China Agricultural Development Company, Limited, were outlined by the chairman, Mr. J. Dowdall, at the statutory meeting held last night. Addressing the shareholders he said:

The first business before us to-day is the passing of the statutory report, of which you have all received copies, but before I put the report to the meeting I would like to say a few words about our Company.

As you all probably know, the fertilizer business in China is a very large one indeed, and yet it is only in its infant stages and is certain to grow to vast proportions. It is only within the last few years that the use of chemical fertilizers has been introduced to the Chinese farmer. For thousands of years they have, largely through necessity, relied upon their old methods of agriculture and it is wonderful how they have continued to take crop after crop out of the soil and put nothing back.

As you all know, the soil in this country is becoming increasingly infertile due to the large quantities of fertilizer which are being used. One has only to note the large quantities of fertilizer which are being used in other countries where it is not used in this country to see the difference. A 20 per cent. higher than in China and of better quality.

## Phosphate Stock Bought.

A little over a year ago an opportunity was offered to obtain at a very low price a large quantity of phosphate in Hongkong and at the same time of securing the services of Mr. J. Watson, who is now our agronomist and who has made a special study of chemical fertilizers for the China market, and who has had several years' experience in this country.

A small syndicate was formed, with a modest capital, to acquire this stock of phosphate and to engage the services of Mr. Watson, and in that way this business was started. The idea of the syndicate was to acquire and manufacture of a complete fertilizer for use in China and to prove thoroughly the value of the opportunity which presented itself. So successful was the business and so bright the prospect that the capital of the syndicate was increased and later, on August 17th of last year, the syndicate was taken over by this company with its present authorized and paid up capital.

Heretofore the bulk of the chemical fertilizers imported into China has been sulphate of ammonia, because of its availability and because it is essential to plant growth, but it is not a complete fertilizer. Unless intelligently used in conjunction with other essentials, particularly potash and phosphoric acid, it may be definitely harmful. When the Chinese farmer has sulphate of ammonia he is told to use it in conjunction with other materials, but it is not always possible for him to obtain the necessary materials in sufficient quantities, and almost an impossibility for him to work out the correct proportions of each to use.

## Misuse of Sulphate.

Consequently, and perhaps unjustly, a lot of dissatisfaction is evident among these farmers who have used sulphate of ammonia and who have not used it intelligently. A luxuriant growth of bright green foliage is produced in the early stages of the plant growth but the ripened crop is often lacking in texture, flavour, stamina and keeping qualities.

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There are other mixed fertilizers in this market but, owing to the favourable price at which we obtained our stock of phosphates, there is none that can economically compete with us in price while our stock lasts.

This brings me to two bighears which have been in the minds of some of our shareholders but which, I think I can successfully dispel.

## Doubts Dispelled.

The first is, "What are we to do when our present stock of phosphates is exhausted? Where shall we get our supply from?" You need not fear what ever on this ground. Easily available stocks of high grade phosphates are practically unlimited. True we shall have to pay more for them, but our present stock is sufficient to thoroughly establish our chop on the market and if you know the difficulties we have had, now happily mostly overcome, of getting the farmers to try a new chop, you will realize the great advantage we will have by that time when we will be able to produce as cheaply as anybody else.

The second is the fear that, when we begin to do a considerable business the large sulphate of ammonia interests will look upon us as their rivals. I have never believed that there is anything to fear from this direction. As I have said, sulphate of ammonia must be used with other chemicals. We use a large proportion of sulphate of ammonia in our mixtures and in selling our fertilizer we are selling the sulphate of ammonia for them, thus increasing their sales largely. Besides, the vast scope for expansion of the chemical fertilizer market in China makes room for everybody and will do so for some time to come. We are at present in the black season for fertilizers in South China but on the eve of the new spring season, and it is still necessary, to do a great deal of propaganda and advertising work and this costs money. The Chinese farmer is one of the most conservative individuals on earth. This, as I have said, will be to our advantage when he has accepted our product and is accepting it in a very gratifying manner.

## Many Agencies.

We have now agencies in Swatow, Canton, Amoy and Hongkong. The most encouraging reports have been received and I am confident that we shall do a very nice business after China New Year.

I have just completed a tour of inspection of part of the district under our Canton agents and was very much impressed with the progress which has been made and with the prospects of business for our fertilizer. So much so that our problem now is not so much whether or not we shall get a sufficient volume of sales but whether or not we shall be able to manufacture and have ready at the right time enough stocks to meet the demand which will probably all come at once. I do not mean that when the spring crop is over there will be no more demand. I anticipate that there will be sales throughout the summer and autumn but the big demand will be for the spring and autumn crop seasons.

Although this is the slack season we are making small sales all the time and have definite assurances of orders amounting to some 3,000 to 5,000 bags as soon as China New Year is over.

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If there are any questions anyone would like to ask I shall do my best to answer them, following which we will proceed with the business of the Meeting.

## Report Received.

On the proposal of Mr. Dowdall, seconded by Mr. Champlin, the statutory report was passed unanimously.

Mr. Dowdall, who is Managing Director of the Company, was appointed secretary, and the position of a stock exchange was left vacant. It was decided that the directors should waive the motion of the company was on a dividend-paying basis.

Those present were: Messrs. L. Dowdall (Managing Director), W. J. Hamson, C. C. Champlin and F. M. Ellis (directors), and Mr. H. B. L. Dowdall (J. J. Edgar, S. E. Edgar and J. Watson (shareholders).

## SHARE PRICES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

## Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1450 n.  
Chartered Bank, \$1211 n.  
Mercantile A. and B., \$17 1/2 n.  
East Asia, \$128 n.

## Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$1350 n.  
Union Ins., \$415 n.  
China Underwriters, \$462 1/2 n.  
China Fire, \$650 n.  
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1250 n.

## Shipping.

Douglis, \$23 1/2 b.  
H.K. Steamships, \$24 n.  
Indo-China, (Pref.) \$45 n.  
Union Waterboats, \$25 n.

## Mining.

Benguets, \$11.75 b.  
Kaucho, \$2 1/2 n.  
Shah Exports, Tls. 2.70 n.  
Rauhs, \$33 n.

## Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$159 n.  
Whampoa Docks, \$29 n.  
South China Docks, \$10 n.  
Prosidents (old), \$5.30 n.  
Hongkew, Tls. 2.20 n.  
New Engineers, Tls. 6 1/2 n.  
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 91 n.

## Cottons.

Ewo Cottons Tls. 16.30 b.  
Shanghai Cotton, Tls. 83 n.  
Zoon Sins Tls. 11 1/2 n.

## Lands, Hotels, etc.

H.K. S. Hot (old), \$15.25 n.  
H.K. S. Hot (new), \$14.90 n.  
H.K. Lands, \$22.75 n.  
Shui Lands, Tls. 30 n.  
Hampstead, \$19 n.  
Realities, \$11.60 n.

## Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$22 b.  
Peak Tram, (old), \$15.60 n.  
Star Ferry, \$20 1/2 b.  
China Light, \$26 b.  
H. K. Electric, \$78 1/2 n.  
Macao Electric, \$23 n.  
Telephones, \$13 n.  
China Buses, Tls. 16 n.  
Singapore Traction, 3 1/2 b.

## Industrials.

Mahboms \$23 n.  
Canton Ins., \$5 1/2 n.  
Coms (new), \$19.25 b.  
Ropes, \$17 1/2 b.

## Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, 30 n.  
Watsons, \$16.90 n.  
Der A. Wines, \$1 n.  
Lane Crawford, \$6.50 n.  
Machintosh, \$19 n.  
Sincere, \$15 b.  
Powells, \$2.50 b.

## Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$19.20 n.  
Entertainments (old), \$16 1/2 n.  
Constructions, (old), \$5.50 n.  
S. C. Enterprises, \$10 n.  
Constructions (new), \$1.85 b.  
B. Ind. G. S. Bonds, \$58 1/2 n.  
Loans, \$23 1/2 b. Prem.

## MAILS DELAYED.

## NOT EXPECTED UNTIL SUNDAY.

Owing to a mishap to the P. and O. liner Rannapra while at Aden, the mails from England which were due this week, will be delayed, probably until Sunday at the earliest. No information has yet been received from Singapore regarding the vessel on which the mails will be carried here.

The Rannapra, which was bound for Bombay, dropped her starboard propeller at Aden and was delayed two days. The mails on board were taken from Negapatnam to Penang on the B. I. steamer Rajah, arriving there on Sunday morning. Letters for Hongkong will be sent from Singapore on the first available boat, and as heavy weather is reported in the China Sea, they are expected to take at least five days in making the trip up.

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## PARCEL MAIL.

The Public are hereby warned that in view of the passing of the Abnormal Importations Customs Duties Act, no guarantee can be given that any parcel will not be subject to Customs duty on arrival in the United Kingdom. The system of prepayment of Customs' duties in this office is cancelled until further notice except as regards parcels of value of 10 shillings or less. The value of 10 shillings or less equivalent in dollars at the rate of the day of the value of 10 shillings or less equivalent in these cases to make a deposit against duty equal in amount to the declared value of the parcel.

Definite information will be published in the Mail Notice directly it is received.

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "Via Siberia" if so superscribed.

## INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Straits	Kalyan	January 21.
Shanghai and Amoy	Teap	January 21.
Shanghai and Swatow	Shantung	January 22.
Japan and Shanghai	Taiyo Maru	January 22.
Japan	Kamo Maru	January 22.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	January 22.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, 2nd January)	Hakozaki Maru	January 22.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., 2nd January)	Haruna Maru	January 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 25th Dec.)	Emp. of Canada	January 23.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 1st January)	Pres. Monroe	January 23.
London (17th December)	Pres. McKinley	January 25.
Japan	Acrammon	January 27.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 9th January)	Nellore	January 28.
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Madison	January 29.
Japan and Shanghai	Chitral	January 29.
Japan and Shanghai	Asama Maru	January 31.
Japan and Shanghai	Hiclan Maru	January 31.
Japan	Hawaii Maru	January 31.

For	Per	Date and Time
Shanghai	Marathon	Wed, Jan. 20, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tsainan	Wed, Jan. 20, 3.30 p.m.
Japan	Amazons Maru	Wed, Jan. 20, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	City of Lille	Wed, Jan. 20, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow and Wuchow	Kong Ning	Wed, Jan. 20, 4 p.m.
Swatow	Van Heutz	Wed, Jan. 20, 4.30 p.m.
Makassar	Tjilikwang	Wed, Jan. 20, 6 p.m.
Amoy	Katsang	Wed, Jan. 20, 6 p.m.
Hollow and Halphong	Mendo Maru	Thurs, Jan. 21, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tjisdane	Thurs, Jan. 21, 10.30 a.m.
Saigon	Prosper	Thurs, Jan. 21, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs, Jan. 21, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Haruna Maru	Fri, Jan. 22, 10.30 a.m.

For	Per	Date and Time
Bangkok	Bintang	Fri, Jan. 22, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Nam	Fri, Jan. 22, 2 p.m.
Halphong	Canton	Fri, Jan. 22, 2.30 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via Victoria B.C.	Pres. Jefferson	Fri, Jan. 22, 3 p.m.
Parcels	Parcels	Fri, Jan. 22, 3 p.m.
Reg.	Reg.	Fri, Jan. 22, 4.15 p.m.
Letters	Letters	Fri, Jan. 22, 5 p.m.
(Due Victoria B.C., 9th February)		

For	Per	Date and Time
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Jefferson	Fri, Jan. 22, 5 p.m.
Letters	Letters	Fri, Jan. 22, 6 p.m.
(Due Victoria B.C., 9th February)		

For	Per	Date and Time
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Kamo Maru	Sat, Jan. 23, 8.45 a.m.
Letters	Letters	Sat, Jan. 23, 9.30 a.m.
(Due Thursday Island 4th Feb.)		
Straits and Calcutta	Chakrang	Sat, Jan. 23, 1 p.m.
Parcels	Parcels	Sat, Jan. 23, 1 p.m.
Letters		





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## QUALITIES OF MAGAZINES.

### MRS. GRIST'S ADDRESS.

"It all boils down to the old old argument as to whether those catering for moments of leisure should pander to that deplorable—and I am sure grossly maligned—standard dubbed popular taste, or should employ their vehicles for something with a higher aim," said Mrs. C.E.L. Grist in concluding a most interesting address on "Magazines," which she gave before a large gathering of members of the English Association and others at the Helena May Institute yesterday, under the chairmanship of His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel.

Those present included Lady Peel, Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Sir William Hornell, and the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and Mrs. Southern.

Prior to calling upon Mrs. Grist, His Excellency extended congratulations on behalf of all present to Mrs. H. T. Cressy for the recent honour conferred upon her by His Majesty the King. He said he was sure that to honour could have been more popular among members of the Association and the community generally. (Applause).

Mrs. Grist divided magazines into two broad classes, those for commercial use and those for the general public, saying that the first was entirely outside the scope of the talk.

She dealt with early magazine history, saying she thought they could take it as quite certain that Steele and Addison's famous *Tatler* and *Spectator* were the actual inspiration of the magazine, commenting that the oldest magazine now existing was *Blackwood's*, which had been running for 116 years.

At the present time, she said, there were far too many magazines, and if the public could obtain a good deal higher standard and editors would not be compelled, willy nilly, to offer a very mediocre product to their readers. "Several of the big publishing houses make no secret of the fact that their policy is to launch a new paper, with a certain splash of display advertising, run it hard whilst the novelty lasts, and then quietly watch it die a natural and richly deserved death. It is a pity that such exploitation pays so well."

### New Blood Sought.

Mrs. Grist continued that one heard many criticisms against the constant exploitation of famous names, but it had never been found feasible to run a magazine on new authors alone as there were not nearly enough of even average quality. On the other hand, the idea that any story not bearing a well-known name was immediately returned by the office boy was entirely erroneous, as it was the great hope and search of every Editor to discover new blood.

Mrs. Grist further said that up to within the last two decades short story writers in England were extremely poorly paid, and it was not until America began to flick our best authors that it was realised something had to be done about it.

She added, "I can only speak with certainty of the current rates prevailing four years ago when the unknown scribbler received anything from eight to fifteen guineas for a short story. This is what a few of the top of the tree authors were then drawing for a short story."

Supper, Gilbert Frankau, Stephen McKenna, £100 £150.

Arnold Bennett, John Galsworthy, William Locke, £150 £200.

W. W. Jacobs, Conan Doyle, Rudyard Kipling, £250.

Miss Ethel M. Dell would not put pen to paper under £100. For amusement I converted that at present exchange and it means that for every word she wrote she received \$120. (Laughter).

The speaker went on to deal with difficulties encountered in producing a magazine, and dwelt on the great value placed on the publisher of such competitions as acrostics, bridge problems, and cross-word puzzles, which could

## HANGCHOW MEETING SUCCESSFUL.

### LEADERS RETURNING TO NANKING.

Hangchow, Jan. 19. This famous beauty spot has become a centre of important political activity.

Yesterday afternoon Chiang Kai-shek and his loyal lieutenant, General Ho Ying-ching, conferred at considerable length with Messrs. Sun Fo, Wang Ching-wei and Wu Tieh-chen.

Among the questions discussed were China's foreign relations, the present financial crisis and the change of certain Provincial Governors. The result is stated to have been "successful."

It is believed that Mr. Wang Ching-wei will be the first of the absent "triumvirate" to go to Nanking. He will be followed soon after by Chiang Kai-shek, but nothing so far has been definitely decided. *Reuter.*

### All Three Returning.

Hangchow, Jan. 19. It is reported that Mr. Sun Fo has succeeded in persuading Chiang Kai-shek and Wang Ching-wei to return to Nanking, and the three leaders will be returning to the capital together to-morrow, by air. *Reuter.*

### More Disunity?

Nanking, Jan. 19. There are the wildest speculations in political circles following the news that Chiang Kai-shek and Wang Ching-wei are coming to Nanking to-morrow.

Radical changes are expected, and already gossip has it that certain influential leaders who are unfriendly towards Chiang are preparing to leave Nanking this evening.

However, the *Evening News* doubts whether Chiang will return to-morrow. *Reuter "Telegraph" Special.*

### Mr. Soong's Return to Old Post Rumoured.

Nanking, Jan. 19. Rumours have it that Mr. T. V. Soong is returning shortly as Finance Minister.

Economy is the order of the day, with drastic cuts in the budget made by the National Government Council at a meeting this morning. The expenditure of all Government offices will be reduced by half, and the personnel reduced by one third, with a reduction of twenty per cent in the salaries of those remaining. *Reuter "Telegraph" Special.*

send the circulation up in leaps and bounds.

She added, "In the newspaper world I have heard one of the *Daily Mirror* staff say they reckon that the circulation would suffer an immediate drop of over 40,000 per day if they discontinued 'The Speck and Wilford' and double that number within a month."

Mrs. Grist gave an idea of the contents of an Editor's mailbox, with its many amusing epistles, and then referred to proof reading and what is called "proof's" reading. She pointed out the practical and mechanical difficulties that have to be contended with.

Advertising also formed part of her address, in which connection she remarked it was a great pity that advertisements played so large a part in governing the policy and "make-up" of a magazine.

Very interesting discussion followed, those taking part including Sir William Hornell, Hon. Mr. Southern, Mrs. Southern, Professor Simpson and Mr. G. P. de Martin; after which His Excellency thanked Mrs. Grist for her informative address.

It was announced that the next meeting of the Association would be held on February 9, when Mr. France, who has recently arrived in Hongkong as leader in History at the University, will give an address.

## UNEMPLOYMENT.

### REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR IN BRITAIN.

London, Jan. 19. The state of employment in 1931 is officially reviewed in the Ministry of Labour Gazette published yesterday. There was no marked improvement until the last quarter, but there was not as in the preceding year, a steady increase month by month in the numbers of unemployed. The decline during 1930 received a check last February, followed by a slight improvement during the next three months, which affected chiefly the seasonal trades and a number of the textile industries, including cotton and woollen.

A further decline began in June, and continued until the end of September.

### Gold Standard Suspension.

Following the suspension of the gold standard, an improvement was recorded at the beginning of October, which continued until the end of the year and had an influence on almost every industry except those such as building and contracting, which normally experience slackness in winter.

The estimated number of insured workpeople in employment in Great Britain rose from 9,215,000 in January to 9,516,000 in May; but after some fluctuation fell to 9,326,000 in September. By December, however, it had risen to 9,593,000, compared with 9,476,000 in December, 1930.

Recent legislative changes had not affected by the end of December the numbers of insured persons recorded as unemployed, nor the percentage rates of unemployment among insured persons. The fall in the percentage from 22.6 in September to 20.9 in December represents, therefore, the measure of real improvement in employment. *British Wireless.*

### Trade Barriers.

London, Jan. 19. Trade between Britain and South Africa was discussed by Sir Frederick Lewis, presiding yesterday at a meeting of the Boulder Line, Limited. He suggested a reciprocal trade agreement with Argentina and other countries similarly placed.

The *Times* in a leading article on the subject states:—"With high tariffs, most favoured nation treatment is apt to work out as most unfavourable nation treatment all round, and the clause as it now functions certainly creates inequitable anomalies which can hardly fail to assist the raising rather than lowering of tariff barriers. In the comprehensive review of policy which the British Government are now undertaking, full consideration must be given to the possibility of following up the Empire agreements to be made at Ottawa with reciprocal arrangements for mutual trade with countries which are willing to trade with us on equal terms, and that will clearly imply reconsideration of our attitude towards the most favoured nation clause, with careful weighing of its advantages and disadvantages." *British Wireless.*

## DEBATERS TUNED UP.

### KEEN "WORD BATTLE" AT Y.M.C.A. TO-NIGHT.

Seating arrangements in anticipation of to-night's debate at the European Y.M.C.A. With the speakers fairly tuned up for a keen analytical dissection of the subject of public ownership of utility services, there is promise that the function will be one of the most enjoyable and successful ever staged by the Literary and Debating Society of the "Y."

The local radio station has arranged to broadcast the debate, this being the first time the Y.M.C.A. in Hongkong has been on the ether.

The chair will be taken promptly at 9 o'clock by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, President of the Y.M.C.A., and the first speaker will be Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, who will propose that public ownership of utility services is undesirable.

## LAUSANNE DELAY.

### CONSIDERED INACCEPTABLE TO GERMANY.

Berlin, Jan. 19. That the Paris suggestion for a long postponement of the Lausanne Conference is absolutely unacceptable to Germany, is the view expressed in Government circles, where the opinion is that a long delay will have calamitous consequences, not only to Germany but to the whole world. *Reuter.*

### German Imports.

Berlin, Jan. 19. An emergency decree is being enforced to-day which authorises an additional import duty on goods from countries where the currency has fallen below the gold standard, "if the conditions of German trade urgently require such action."

The new duty is also applicable to goods from countries where German products are treated unfavourably, compared with goods from other countries. *Reuter.*

### The French Policy.

Paris, Jan. 19. An important pronouncement on the new Government's foreign policy was made by M. Laval in the Chamber, declaring that France would sacrifice nothing of her credit without a corresponding remission of her debts. "She declined to accept solutions which were powerless to solve the crisis and would impair French interests, while as regards disarmament, the Government maintained its predecessor's standpoint, and as conditions demanded, a definite framework which embodied respect for contracts, arbitration, definitions of an aggressor, mutual assistance and security." *Reuter.*

### Britain's Part.

London, Jan. 19. British newspapers suggest that circumstances having undergone considerable changes in the past few weeks, it may be considered unnecessary for the Government representatives to include others than experts, and the question is raised in some newspapers as to whether it will be necessary to hold the Reparations Conference at all.

In any case, the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, is expected to leave London for Switzerland on Saturday, as the opening of the League Council at Geneva, at which Sir John Simon wishes to be present as much as possible, is set for the same day as that of the Reparations Conference in the neighbouring town of Lausanne. *British Wireless.*

### M. Laval Not Attending.

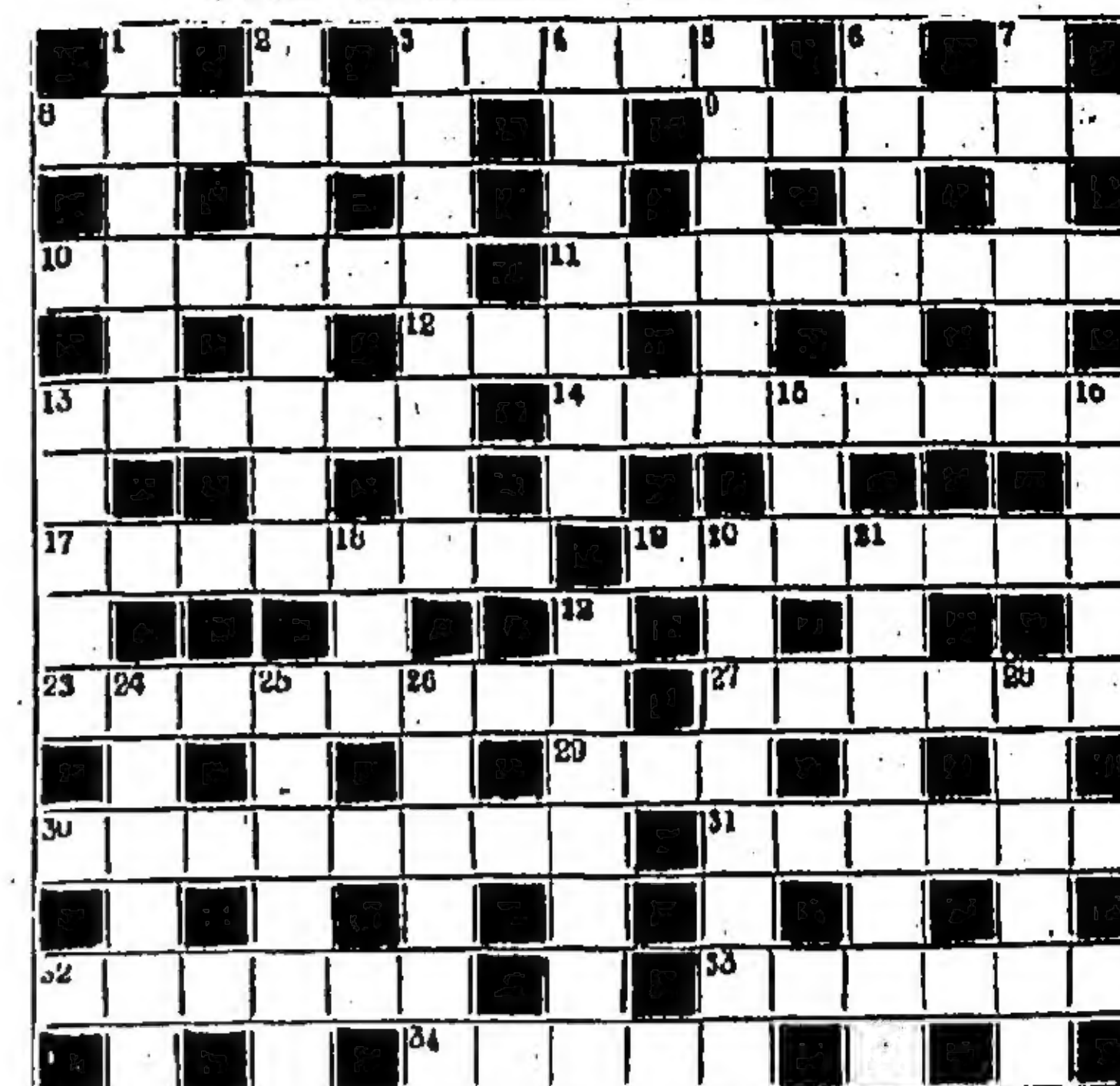
Paris, Jan. 19. That M. Laval will not attend the Disarmament Conference is proved by the official list of the French delegation, which nevertheless is powerful and comprises M. M. Tardieu, Dumont, Dumesnil and Reynaud, the Ministers for War, Marine, Air and the Colonies respectively, also M. Gignoux, Under Secretary of State, M. Paul Boncompagni (a Senator) and Lieut. Colonel Fabry (a Deputy). *Reuter.*

Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Chairman of the Literary and Debating Society will then open the negative, and will be followed in turn by Mr. A. C. Jeffreys, who will second the motion, and Mr. E. R. Price, supporter of the opposition.

The debate will then be thrown open to general discussion, after which the two leading speakers will sum up their cases and the motion will be voted upon. The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton will also sum up the merits of the debate.

Members and friends are cordially invited to attend and to participate in the general debate which promises to be of an unusually high standard. Special interest lies in the debate, in that it will open for public discussion, the question of public control of utility services in Hongkong. It is believed that the leading speakers will feel firstly with the general principle of public ownership and will then demonstrate its likely effect if applied to local services.

## OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



### Across

- 3 He is cold apparently, as he is wrapped up in a scarf for ten.
- 8 One of the congregation whose heart is in her ends.
- 9 Spaniards, for example, who may be completely absorbed in salt.
- 10 Scotsman's name owned by many a Scotswoman.
- 11 Sticks to the ship.
- 12 This sounds like it, though really before.
- 13 Run away; but there's no need to do it here from traffic problems.
- 14 I'm fully grown, seemingly, but I'll admit, not finished.
- 17 This is more bustling.
- 19 Contains the pick of the lot, and simply yells.
- 23 The time is, perhaps, scarcely ripe to sing about wheat, but scolding doesn't seem right.
- 27 Garment worn by English women and French men.
- 28 "Oh, were not by the moon, the inconstant moon, that monthly changes in her circled..." "Romeo and Juliet."
- 30 A strong party man is seen in a Scottish crab.
- 31 Very appropriately, half of this circle may be half a circle.
- 32 Square.
- 33 Though almost ceasing, it is still something.
- 34 Demonstrates a cut in the interior.

### Down

- 1 Though decorous in bearing, one has to hesitate to a considerable extent.
- 2 Goes for the results.
- 3 Allowed to sit on the jury, but she cannot be fair.

- 4 Famous Court painter.
- 5 Sound—but banishes sleep.
- 6 There is a peculiar feature about this, which, in itself, is distressful.
- 7 It may get some fish when carried beyond the corner.
- 13 Takes off—though not a professional impersonator.
- 15 A song that the poet hears for ever.
- 16 Follow.
- 18 The building part of the meal.
- 20 The association of kings.
- 21 Expel the devil, and cut out about the alternative.
- 22 Torture.
- 24 Here's an opportunity for an accident.
- 25 With reference to a legal wrong, this may supply a heated reply.
- 26 Goes out, apparently still belonging to Susan.
- 28 Scarcely a tactful word to describe a "willowy" woman.

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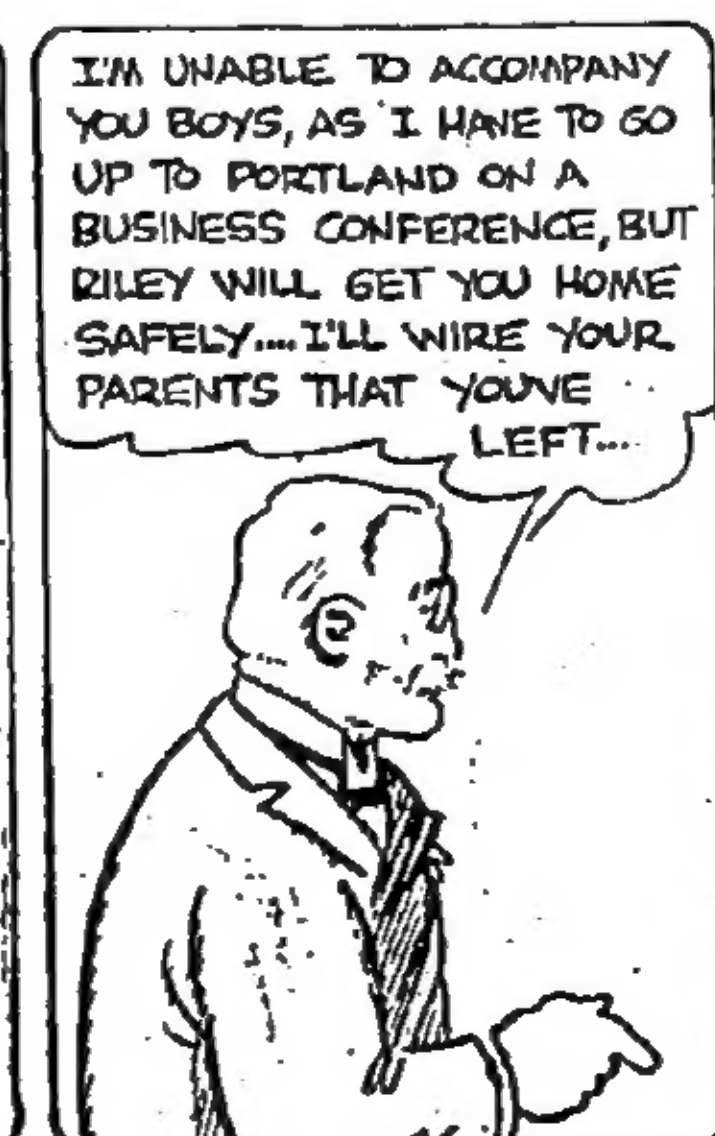
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Hongkong Telegraph.**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1932.

#### IS DICTATORSHIP THE SOLUTION?

Many observers looking on the Chinese political scene tend to shake their heads and opine that the best solution of China's difficulties would be the establishment of a dictatorship. To our thinking, an effective dictatorship in as little possible at the moment as a constitutional democracy; and of the two, there is more hope of the latter. Both the physical and psychological requirements of a dictatorship are wanting. It is as necessary, for instance, to a dictatorship as to a democracy to have good communications through the country. It is possible that in the coming years the development of flying will do much to alter this factor of the problem. So far, however, in so vast a country as China communications are still inadequate for any central authority to act with requisite speed when there is any tendency to disobedience. And if the Kuomintang propaganda has failed to weld the people into one, nothing that a dictatorship could do would be sufficient to counteract the facts of the distance and dissimilarity of outlook.

We have seen Chiang Kai-shek often referred to as the late Dictator. Although he exercised a dominating influence in the Nanking Government, it is clear that he never either got outside the Kuomintang system of government, nor succeeded in carrying his authority over the whole country. If he or some other set up a dictatorship as the form of the Central Government, the most that could happen would be that in such parts of the country as he could conquer his lieutenants would for a time accept his rule. Inevitably, however, these would tend to augment their own power and authority and eventually

establish their own local dictatorships, which would be a reversion to the semi-feudalism of the last twenty years, without even the lip-service to constitutionalism which one party or another has maintained since the Revolution.

In another way the requirements of a successful dictatorship are wanting. From time to time the eminence and magnetism of one man standing well above his fellows, and commanding their allegiance by an almost mystic power of personality, have given him autocratic power over masses of men. There is no sign so far that China has produced such a man. Nor do we believe that Chiang Kai-shek aspires to such a role. He has had some opportunities. He has apparently declined them. He has shown a real loyalty to the Three Principles. In some cases, it is true, he has been betrayed into dictatorial acts. The arrest of Marshal Li Chai-sum and Mr. Hu Han-min are cases at point. For the former, there seemed little excuse; but it must be said that Marshal Li has subsequently shown little animus against his captor, and the fact that he appears *persona non grata* in Canton seems to suggest something almost akin to acquiescence in his captivity on the Marshal's own part. The arrest of Mr. Hu seemed to be a serious political mistake at the time, but it is to be remembered that when leaving to take up his post on the International Court, Dr. Wang Chung-hui expressed his disgust at the bickering which characterized Nanking officials, and there may have been more grounds than appear for Chiang Kai-shek's action. We doubt both whether Chiang Kai-shek has the qualities which might capture the popular imagination, or whether, if he had them, he would want to use them for other than constitutional ends.

#### The Disarmament Conference.

A fortnight hence, leading figures of the principal nations of the world will assemble at Geneva to discuss world disarmament. In the following weeks, all fighting forces, land, sea and air, will be closely examined and compared with a view to securing agreed reductions. Idealists will find themselves stubbornly struggling with realists for domination in the various councils. Unfortunately, the conference meets with carefully prepared ground rudely disturbed, by some freak of fortune or the pervasiveness of human nature, and the atmosphere is anything but encouraging. Tension in the Far East will prevent Japan from contributing to the extent that she might in different circumstances to an all-round reduction of armaments. The European situation presents its own problem, detrimental to the advocates of wholesale scaling down. Even so, it is doubtful whether the governments represented dare permit the conference to fail. A declaration signed by millions of people of all nationalities will be among the first documents to come within the purview of the delegates and if it does nothing more, it should further impress upon them a sense of their deep responsibility. It is, indeed, one of the most significant features of the preparation for the conference that the women of the world have massed in support. In Geneva, during the first week of September, eleven of the great international organizations of women joined in a single disarmament committee for the purposes of centralizing the work already begun by individual organizations and of facilitating co-operation generally. These organizations were representative of women of the learned professions, business women, women engaged in social work, beside that vast body of women who go to make up the peace societies which have sprung up in nearly every part of the world. They pledged themselves to assist by every means in their power in organizing the vast and growing public opinion in favour of the conference and the realization of the world-wide cry for disarmament and security. The women have since gathered upon their disarmament declaration the signatures of all those who desire world concord. The wo-

#### DAY BY DAY

MEN ARE DISTURBED NOT BY THINGS THEMSELVES, BUT BY THEIR OPINIONS OR THOUGHTS CONCERNING THOSE THINGS.—George Eliot.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is central over N.E. Korea, moving east.

Mrs. R.E.O. Bird has kindly consented to distribute the Ellis Kadoorie School prizes on Tuesday, January 28 at 11 a.m.

Mr. A. el Arcuili is to distribute the prizes at the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indiana on Thursday, 28th instant, at 11 a.m.

The Hongkong Hotel Garage is circulating to customers an effective wall calendar issued by the makers of the well-known Chevrolet cars.

Injuries to his body were received by Kwok Kam, a coal coolie, aged 43 years, who fell from a crane whilst working on board the s.s. Tjibadak last night. His condition is considered to be serious.

During the course of work on an iron grill at 18, Nam Chang Street, Shamshui, yesterday evening, Lam Shing of 84, Yu Chau Street, received injuries to his head and was removed to hospital in a serious condition.

M. Pasquier, Governor-General of Indo-China is due to arrive in Hongkong at 8 a.m. tomorrow on the French mine-sweeper Inconstant. Here he will join Vice-Admiral Herr on the flagship Waldeck Rousseau.

Whilst running across the ledge on the east side of the verandah of the Police Recreation Club, Chan Yuen, aged 15, of 488, Hennessy Road, fell into the nullah and received rather serious injuries to his body yesterday.

Li Ho, a young mechanic, of 5, Tank Lane, has reported to the police the loss of a gold watch, chain and appendage, valued at \$100 which were stolen whilst he was asleep in a vehicle at 17, Graham Street, first floor, yesterday morning.

Suffering from the effects of opium poisoning stated to have been self-administered a married woman, Ching Tsai, aged 24, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital from 34, Gough Street at 1.30 this morning. Her condition is not serious.

The latest issue of the *Far Eastern Travellers' Gazette*, issued by Thos. Cook and Son, is a bulky publication of eighty pages and should prove of much value to those contemplating Home leave. It has several illustrated articles, including one on some beauty spots in the Old Country, whilst full details are given of shipping, railway and aerial fares.

An accountant, of 1, Cochrane Street, was fined \$10 by Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning for keeping six monkeys in cages which were too small to allow them sufficient room. Mr. P. J. O'Brien, Inspector of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, informed his Worship that he had warned the defendant earlier in the day.

men of more than forty countries have collected signatures running into millions. Governments of the world will do well to heed these signs of the times. Excessive armaments and the economic slump both have their root in the same mistaken cause—lack of confidence. The nations must disarm themselves of their suspicion as well as of their military and economic weapons.

## CHILDREN OF A.D. 2000.

By G. ESMOND COUSINS.

If Peter, now four years of age, be fortunate enough to pass man's allotted span he may see the dawn of a new century which his father will not perceive except through the eyes of a centenarian. By that time, no doubt, Peter will be a grandfather, perhaps speculating on the chances of his grandson witnessing the birth of the twenty-second century, or, maybe, not pondering the problem at all, for this world of ours will have become so absorbing that our descendants might conceivably have ceased to think of any period except their own.

Peter has played with the usual assortment of toys showered upon baby boys by loving parents and still more loving relations. He has gone to bed with the woollies, broken the most brittle, conceived immense affection for the ugliest, and considered toydom well lost if he could gain access to his father's toolchest for five minutes.

Mudlarks and Tumbles. His curiosity for grotelling in the garden has been excited only by his success in transferring Mother Earth to his mother's clean floors; and he has fallen over so many times, and from such a variety of vehicular playthings, that it is a lasting wonder to find he remains more or less convex in outline.

Perhaps Peter will live to see the children of his dotage brought up in very different surroundings and by ultra-modern methods; but he may be forgiven for thinking them poorer in those qualities which go to the making and maintenance of great nations. Woolly toys as bedmates will no doubt be strictly "taboo," if they have not been confiscated altogether as harbingers of dust and attendant germs. For by A.D. 2000 the scientists will have had their way with human life; and the test tube will be enshrined on the altar of public welfare with white-coated doctors to do it surplussed reverence.

Children will be allowed to possess brittle toys, of course, for if a boy cannot break things he will hit his parents, who, by the laws of psychology, are forbidden to chastise. But juveniles will be protected from the awful consequences of hurting themselves, and no nursery or playroom will be worthy of the name, or entitled to Government certificates, which is not built with rubber walls and floors, legless tables, and chairs which cannot capsize.

Peter's grandchildren will not go to school, for boys and girls of the Utopian twenty-first century will learn their lessons by wireless, using directional loud-speakers which enable governess or mother to enjoy alternative programmes in the same room. The wireless sets, of course, will be valueless and fool-proof, as inexpensive as portable gramophones and as indispensable as bedsteads.

When Peter's grandson is old enough he will be turned or planned to fit round or square hole, as desired, and polished for his vocation, which will be chosen for him by institutes under Government control and equipped with instruments, ready reckoners and experts for the purpose of exploiting to the

full the latent possibilities of the who enters the everyday world of A.D. 2000 will settle in his round or square hole, will look around and see for himself what life is like.

Sigh for the Past. He will, no doubt, find the world pleasant, having known no other; but grandfather Peter will remember the middle years of the twentieth century and sigh for the days when mothers reared their babies as they pleased; when kiddies fell over, or from, all kinds of hard objects and were taught to pick themselves up with a grin; when a mudlark in the garden was not frowned upon so long as it was followed by the application of soap and water; and when boys and girls were shaped into staunch citizens by mixing at school, fighting their own battles and generally preparing for the great adventure of adult life.

On the other hand, Peter as a septuagenarian may be content to beam with tolerant eye on the doings of his world in A.D. 2000 and leave his grandson to sit down under the spur of inspiration and write an article beginning: "If Peter, now four years of age..."

#### Love or a Fortune?

By W. F. BULLOCK

There are few more alluring questions than those which set the imagination working and carry you out of your normal self into a heaven of contentment.

What, for instance, would you do if you had to choose between a perfect love affair and a million pounds? Dr. William Marston, a well-known American psychologist, has been carrying out a series of tests among university students, and this was one question he asked of young men and women.

Girls—Choose Love. From the young men the replies were decisive and unequivocal. All chose the fortune in preference to love. The girls, on the other hand lived up to the romantic conception of their finer personalities, and 92 per cent. chose love. However, some voted for the money, adding that they were sure that with such a fortune they could command love.

Next, Dr. Marston turned his attention to the opinions that either sex holds of the other. The results were startling, and may offer an explanation of the popularity of Reno. The young men scorned the girls, and the girls scorned the young men. The men were frankly egotistical, finding in their own sex only eight unpleasant qualities compared with 26 good ones. They listed among women 29 bad characteristics and only 12 good ones. The girl students tried to hold a more even balance. They conceded 11 good traits against 21 bad qualities in men, and claimed for themselves 14 admirable characteristics against 18 on the minus side.

Invectives. What did they say of each other? Compared with themselves, the young men found the girls of their acquaintance more charming, more tender towards men and children, warmer hearted, more unselfish, with the added enhancement of being "more mysterious." The girls found the men they knew venturesome, good workers, less upset by trifles, with more physical courage, democratic, loyal, and more persistent.

But what invectives they launched against each other. The men frankly called the girls they knew "gold-diggers," and described them as emotionally unstable, liars, tricksters, treacherous, childish, and petty-minded. Against this array of vices the girls launched their attack. They described the modern young men as egotistical, domineering, changeable, ruthless, unloving, arrogant, nagging, simpleminded and easy to fool.

There are some equally damning remarks made by the girls against their own sex. They found it self-centred, slightly, aimless in its pursuits, and given to gossip. But they did claim the ability to be polite, gentle, loyal, obliging, and humble.

Blondes Lead. The young men evidently had a fair opinion of their sex in general. They believed that men were aggressive, brave, dependable, good-natured, bolder than women, more creative, with greater honesty, and more logical.

In a comparison of the varying qualities in blondes, brunettes and red-heads, Dr. Marston finds that blondes lead in scholarship, with brunettes second, and the "red" a close third.



"If I can get a fair price for these golf balls it looks like the corn might pay for itself after all."



**TRIO OF THIEVES CAUGHT.****MAY ROAD BURGLARY REVEALED.****DOCTOR ROBBED.**

Following his arrest on Saturday last after having snatched a handbag from Mrs. Floyd, of the Military Married Quarters, in Kennedy Road, Ng Chuk, a 19-year-old youth, was brought before Mr. Williams on remand at the Central Police Court this morning on an additional charge of theft of money and jewellery to the total value of \$135 from No. 4, Thorpe Manor, May Road, the residence of Dr. A. V. Greaves, a Government medical officer on January 8 last.

Together with the defendant were two other men who were charged with receiving stolen property, while each had additional charges of theft against him in respect of other property. The second accused was alleged to have stolen articles of clothing from a matchbox on Bonham Road, while the third was charged with theft of a spirit-level from a house under construction in Fuk Wing Street, Shamshuipo.

The first defendant, who on Monday last pleaded guilty to theft of the handbag from Mrs. Floyd, admitted the charge of theft from Dr. Greaves, while the second defendant also pleaded guilty to the two counts against him. The third accused admitted stealing the spirit-level but denied receiving stolen property in respect of the theft at 4, Thorpe Manor.

**Previous Theft.**

Detective Sergeant D. Fitch, who prosecuted, informed his Worship that the first defendant was on remand on a charge of larceny from the person. He had been previously sentenced to one month's hard labour for stealing a sum of money at 1, May Road. He came out of prison the day before the burglary at 4, Thorpe Manor. When the burglary was reported to the police, suspicion fell on the defendant, whose photograph was given to the officer in charge of finger prints. When accused was arrested on Saturday in connection with the theft from Mrs. Floyd, the officer in charge of the finger prints informed the prosecuting officer of the results of his examination of the defendant's finger prints.

A remand was accordingly obtained from the Court and when the burglary was put to the defendant he admitted that he had been concerned. He took the police to 135, Stone Niallah Lane and there they found the second and third defendants. The spirit-level was lying on a divan and the third defendant admitted that he had stolen it from Fuk Wing Street in Shamshuipo. On the second defendant the police found a number of pawn tickets which referred to property stolen from Dr. Greaves and also clothing taken from a contractor's matchbox in Bonham Road.

**Ring Melted Down.**

Continuing, the officer said a gold ring which was stolen from Dr. Greaves had been melted down in a shop in Wanchai and the police had been unable to trace the gold. A watch, which had been stolen, had been broken for some time and the defendants had had it taken to a watchmaker's to have it repaired.

The first and second defendants, intimidated the officer, had met in goal as they had both had previous convictions and were discharged at about the same time, having presumably made their plans before their discharge.

The officer asked his Worship to take a serious view of the larceny from May Road.

The first defendant was given eight months' hard labour for snatching the handbag from Mrs. Floyd and a further four months' imprisonment for larceny from Dr. Greaves. The second defendant received a sentence of three months for receiving stolen property and two months for theft of clothing at Bonham Road, the third defendant being given five weeks for stealing the spirit level.

**POPULARITY OF AIR MAILS.****STRIKING BRITISH INCREASE.**

London, Jan. 19. A striking increase in air mail traffic during last year is recorded by the Postmaster General. About two and a quarter million letters, weighing over fifty-two tons were sent by air, an increase of about 10,000 weekly over 1930.—*British Wireless.*

**FORMER HONGKONG LAWYER.****NOT STRUCK OFF THE ROLLS.**

"At a previous hearing of this case I asked a question in cross-examination suggesting that a Mr. Rowan, a lawyer, had had his name struck off the rolls in Hongkong. That question was asked by me on instructions and information which appeared authentic and which I fully believed at the time. Later, when the allegation was denied, I stated that, if it was untrue, as I was then informed, I should like to withdraw it at once and I expressed regret for any pain or harm which might have been caused to Mr. Rowan."

"Since that date I have received conclusive evidence emanating from the secretary to the Law Society in Hongkong that Mr. Rowan was not struck off the rolls in Hongkong. I think that this fact should be given the widest publicity that I can give it. I am, therefore, making this statement."

"The suggestion that Mr. Rowan was struck off the rolls in Hongkong is fully and unconditionally withdrawn and I should like to express my sincere regrets that the suggestion was made."

This was a further statement made by Mr. K. K. O'Connor, one of the counsel for the defence in the title deed case, which again came on for hearing before Mr. G. C. Dodd, the Singapore Criminal District Judge on January 12th, when the case for the prosecution was closed.

"On behalf of Mr. Rowan, I accepted that apology and thank Mr. O'Connor for having made it," said Mr. Roland Braddell who represented Mr. Rowan, the Hongkong lawyer. Mr. Braddell added that he quite recognised that Mr. O'Connor thought he had correct information. He had personally known Mr. Rowan for eleven years quite intimately.

"I am obliged to my learned friend for what he has said, I did not know Mr. Rowan personally, it was only a name to me," Mr. O'Connor said.

**KIDNAPPER SENT TO PRISON.****TOOK CHILD BECAUSE OF DEBT.**

Charged before Mr. Fraser, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with kidnapping a male child four years of age, Lo Lu was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour.

It was stated that defendant took the child on board the s.s. Charles Hardouin and attracted the attention of the comrade of the ship who asked him about the child. He could not give a satisfactory explanation and was taken before the Captain who had him detained and taken back to Hongkong from Kowloon.

Defendant stated that the father of the child owed him \$70. This was denied.

In passing sentence, his Worship said even if the father of the child owed him the money, he was not entitled to take away the child.

**LATEST FLYING RECORD.****KINGSFORD SMITH AGAIN.**

London, Jan. 19. By reaching Port Darwin, Australia, today in twelve and a half days, after leaving England in the mail-carrying aeroplane "Southern Star," Air Commodore Kingsford Smith has established a fresh record for this journey in a commercial machine.—*British Wireless.*

**RUMANIAN FINANCE MINISTER.****ON OFFICIAL VISIT TO LONDON.**

London, Jan. 19. M. Avegetoianu, Rumanian Finance Minister, was today the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon. He was also received by the Prime Minister at 10, Downing Street.—*British Wireless.*

**UNITED STATES AND DISARMAMENT.****MR. STIMSON TO HEAD DELEGATION.**

Washington, Jan. 19. Mr. H. L. Stimson, the Secretary of State, has been appointed chairman of the United States delegation to the Disarmament Conference.—*Reuter.*

**FOUR HONGKONG ESTATES.****ARMY CAPT. LEAVES OVER \$20,000.**

Hongkong estate to the value of \$20,200 was left by the late Francis Desmond Talbot Coke, retired Army Captain, formerly of Claysmore School, near Winchester, Hants, and of No. 5, Connaught Place, Hyde Park, Middlesex, who died on April 27, 1931, at Westerfield, Richmond Road, Worthing, Sussex.

Re-sealing of certified copy of probate of the will and two codicils has been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, who is attorney for the executors and trustees, Mr. R. S. A. Straus, No. 88, Hyde Park Mansions, London, publisher, and Major E. Howell (retired), of Westerfield.

The late Mr. John Johnson, dockyard store keeper, late of No. 5, Stanley Terrace, Quarry Bay, who died at the Matilda Hospital on November 29, 1931, left local estate worth \$16,500. Probate of the will has been granted to the widow, Mrs. Eliza Johnson, No. 41, Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, who is the executrix.

Re-sealing of certified copy of probate has been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson in the estate of the late Mr. William Green Skidworth, retired merchant, who died at Brookhurst, Broadbridge Heath, Horsham, Sussex, on May 23, 1931. Hongkong estate amounts to \$5,500 while net personality at home is \$21,881 10s. 6d. Mr. Tinson is the attorney of the Public Trustee, the sole executor named in the will.

The late Mr. Harry Armstrong Settle, Master Mariner, late of No. 509, Nathan Road, who died in testate at the French Hospital on December 16, 1931, left Hongkong estate worth \$7,200. Letters of administration have been granted to the widow, Mrs. Margaret Settle, of the Nathan Road address.

**MILITARY FUNERAL.****C.Q.M.S. MULLENS BURIED WITH FULL HONOURS.**

Impressive military honours marked the funeral which took place yesterday afternoon of C.Q.M.S. Edward Mullens, of the 2nd Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, whose death, from pneumonia, occurred at the Military Hospital on Monday morning.

The cortege, starting out from Wellington Barracks, was headed by a firing party bearing reversed arms. Next came the Pipes and Drums, playing the lament "Flowers of the Forest," the Regimental Band and Bagpipers. The coffin, draped with the Union Jack and resting on a gun carriage, was drawn by horses, and escorted by eight comrades of corresponding rank from the Battalion. Soldiers carrying wreaths, the tributes of other units in the Colony, headed the main procession, in which were the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, Lt.-Col. Bennett, M.C., (who also represented H.E. Major-General Sandilands), other officers and about 130 other ranks, representative of the Headquarters Wing and the other Companies of the Battalion. There were also representatives from the Navy and Police and from the other military units in the Colony.

Approaching the gates of the Roman Catholic Cemetery in which the remains were interred, the Band played the funeral music playing the Dead March in Saul. The coffin was transferred on to a hearse and the escort and borne to the Chapel where a short service was performed prior to the interment. The Rev. Fr. O'Brien, Chaplain to the Forces, was the officiating priest.

The obsequies closed with the firing of three volleys over the grave and the sounding of The Last Post.

Among the large number of floral tributes sent were wreaths from Lt. Col. Bennett M.C., and other officers of the Battalion, from the Hongkong Police Force and Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, from the Navy and from other military units.

**SILVER RISE IN LONDON.****HONGKONG MARKET STILL DULL.**

Silver is up slightly in London, but the Hongkong dollar remains unchanged at 1s. 4.11/10ths both for spot and forward. China bought, but there were small offerings, the market being steady on opening. After the official fixing, the market ruled quietly steady, with America small buyers.

In New York the rate is unchanged at 29 3/4, with the market dull. Silver futures are, however, down.

Locally there is no change in the situation, practically no business passing.

**FIGHT WITH AN EAGLE.****BIRD ATTACKS A SHEPHERD.**

A thrilling story of a fight between a big royal eagle and a shepherd in the Alpine region near Omblen, over-looking Lake Maggiore, has just been revealed. While the shepherd, named Peretti, was taking his flock home to the village, the eagle swooped down upon a young sheep, killed it, and tried to carry it away.

The shepherd, armed only with his stick, to which was attached a strong iron hook, succeeded in beating off the eagle, but the bird turned on him, and a fierce fight took place.

The eagle swooped down upon the shepherd with the intention of attacking him in the back, and the man struck it with his iron hook sending it bounding on to the rocks, apparently stunned.

Soon afterwards the eagle returned to the attack, but the shepherd, who had regained his stick, struck out at a bird and sent it once more on to the rocks.

Then the eagle thought it had had enough and flew away. On his return to the village, the shepherd was found to be bleeding from the head and arms.

**MYSTERY SCHOONER SEIZED.**

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**Hedwig Rumours.**

It will be recalled that when the survivors of the Hedwig returned to Hongkong, rumours spread in the city, suggesting that sensational developments might be expected following the stranding of the vessel.

It was then suggested that the authorities were keenly interested in the activities of the ship before her stranding.

Subsequently, orders were given for the construction of a new ship, and the Marchella was built in Hongkong, costing something like \$300,000. It was built on the lines of the cutter, Enterprise.

**Flag Difficulties.**

According to information from various sources, it would appear that difficulty was experienced by its owners in obtaining a national flag under which to sail, but eventually arrangements were made for flying the Panama flag.

The vessel is now in the hands of the Chinese Maritime Customs, though its future is unknown.

**FRENCH ART TREASURES.****PICTURE, CUT IN FOUR PIECES, NOW REUNITED.**

Five hundred and fifty treasures of French art are being shown at Burlington House where the French Exhibition opened on January 4.

Sir William Llewellyn, President of the Royal Academy, speaking at a luncheon at Burlington House expressed thanks to the King, to the French Government, and to museums, galleries, and private owners for their loans to the exhibition.

M. Jambon, Assistant Director of the Louvre Gallery in Paris, announced that for the second time in five centuries a picture—"The Annunciation"—which came from Aix-la-Chapelle, would be reunited.

The picture, which was by an unknown artist, had in some extraordinary manner, been cut into four after it was painted in 1440. One piece was in a museum in Amsterdam, one in Paris, one in Brussels, and one in the collection of a private British owner.

The four pieces had been put together two years ago at an exhibition at The Louvre, but apart from that, this would be the first occasion on which the general public had had an opportunity of seeing the picture as a whole.

**PEAK MURDER SEQUEL.****AMAH ON CAPITAL CHARGE.**

Described as a house amah and a native of Shek Lung, Chau Sim, an 18-year-old woman, appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning on the capital charge in connection with the alleged murder of a cook on Monday morning at 112, The Peak, the residence of Mr. C. A. L. Rickell.

Chief Detective Inspector A. N. Reynolds appeared on behalf of the police and asked his Worship for a week's formal remand, which was accordingly granted.

**RADIO BROADCAST****REPLY OF DEBATE FROM EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A.**

From Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.  
5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese Programme.  
6.00-6.30 p.m. Chinese Children's Programme.  
7.00-10.30 p.m. European Programme.

7.00 p.m. Mail Notice etc.

7.03-7.30 p.m. Band Selections.

Maximilian Robespierre Overture (Litolff).

The National Military Band conducted by A. W. Kestelby, 928-R.

Martial Moments-March Medley (Arr. Winter).

The Reg. Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards, 9905.

Tancredi Overture (Rossini).

Ruy Blas Overture (Mendelssohn).

The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards, 613-R.

8.00 p.m. (Local Time and Weather Report).

7.30-8.08 p.m. Humorous Numbers.

Song: Gorgonzola.

We Must All Pull Together. Jack Morrison, DB-330.

Sketch-So I Say To Him. Sydney Howard (Yorkshire Comedian), DB-250.

Orchestral-My Brother Makes The Noises For The Talkies.

Orchestral-Skin-a-link The Sergeant.

Jack Payne and The B.B.C. Orch. CB917.

Sketch-The Royal and Ancient Game. Clapham and Dwyther, DB-570.

Duet-A Couple Of Fine Old Schools. Clifford Mollington and Arthur Blace, DB351.

8.08-8.40 p.m. A Concert.

Cello Solo-Villanelle (Pinnell arr. Salmon).

Song-A Summer Night (Marsalis and Gering Thomas).

Song-My Dearest Heart (Sullivan).

Doris Vane (Soprano), DX-71.

Piano Solo-Polksens D'or (Debussy).

Myra Hess, M-7151.

Song-Tommy Lad (Teschemacher and Margelsson).

Song-King Charles (Browning and White).

Norman Allin (Bass), DB300.

Flute Duet-Valde Des Mascarottes (Gennin).

Jean and Pierre Gennin with the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra, DB261.

8.40-9.00 p.m. Hawaiian Music.

Maui No La Ka Oi.

Maui Girl.

Hawaiian Capers.

King's Hawaiian's Hawaiiana, DB248-DB225.

European Y.M.C.A. Debate.

9.00-10.00 p.m. A Relay of the Four Opening Speeches of the Debate on "Municipal Trading" from the European Y.M.C.A. Salisbury Road Kowloon by courtesy of "The Y.M.C.A. Literary and Debating Society."

Chairman-The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Speakers-Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy.

Mr. E. R. Price.

Mr. A. C. Jeffreys.

10.00-10.18 p.m.

Grieg's Ballade in G Minor Op. 24 played by Leopold Godowsky, 67746-7.

10.18-10.30 p.m. (Approx.).

Rugby Mid-Day Press News and London Board of Trade Letters.

10.30 p.m. (Approx.). Close Down.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

**HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.****OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.**

There was a very quiet opening at the morning session with a limited enquiry generally.

**Sales.**

Hotels (old), \$15.10/\$15.15.

H.K. Government Loan 3 1/2 per cent.

**Buyers.**

Douglases, \$23 1/2.

Providents (old), \$85.30.

Providents (new), \$2.45.

Ewos, Tls. 16.30.

Star Ferries, \$96 1/2.

Cements (combined), \$19 1/4.

Cements (new), \$5.60.

Constructions (new), \$1.85.

Benquets, \$11 1/2.

Realities, \$11.60.

Chinese Estates, \$96.

Trams, \$22.

Singapore Tractions, 3/.

H.K. Ropes, \$17 1/2.

Shippers, \$10.

H.K. Government Loan, \$2 1/2 per cent.

**Sellers.**

Banks, \$1.60.

Hotels (old), \$15 1/4.

Lunds, \$92 1/2.

Electric, \$78 1/2.

Dairy Farms, \$30.

Indo-Chinas (Prof.), \$45.

Indo-Chinas (Def.), \$32.

Realities, \$12.

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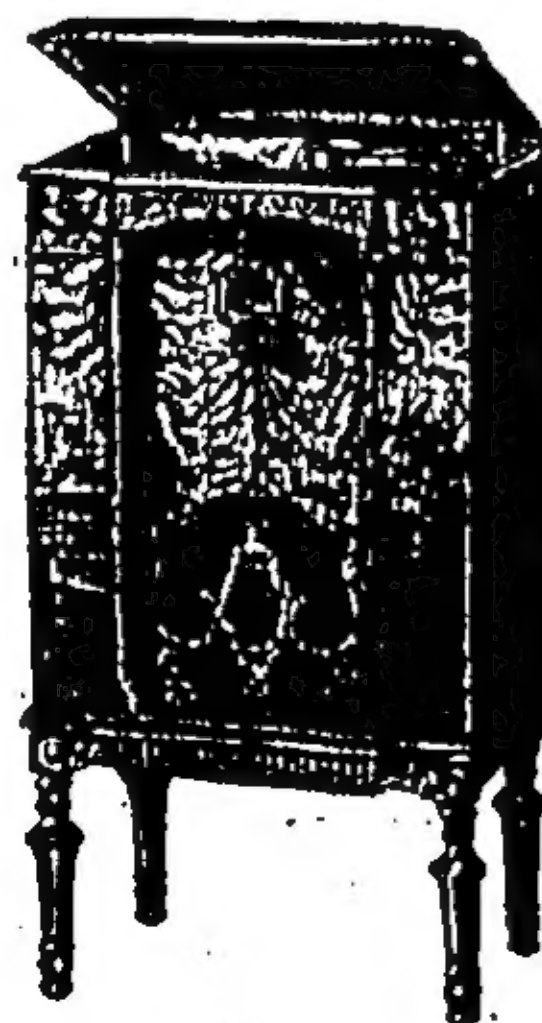
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## ATHLETIC SPORTS.

### ANNUAL EVENTS OF ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL.

The annual athletic sports meeting of the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians was held yesterday afternoon on the ground of the Indian Recreation Club at Sookunpo. There were no fewer than 20 events on the programme, and it was pleasing to note that almost every boy in the school took part.

The prizes were distributed by Mr. A. R. Sutherland, Inspector of English Schools, who was formerly headmaster of this institution. In making Mr. Sutherland to do so, Mr. G. E. S. Updell, the present headmaster, said Mr. Sutherland needed no introduction to the gathering. Every one there knew him and knew how interested he was in the school.

Mr. Updell congratulated the prize-winners and thanked all those who were responsible for the success of the meeting.

After giving away the trophies, Mr. Sutherland said he always liked to attend the Indian School sports because he could be sure it was a sports meeting. One very pleasing feature was that every boy in the school took part and enjoyed himself.

The speaker went on to say that they owed a debt of gratitude to the Indian Recreation Club, who had always accommodated them in the loan of their ground. "Whatever we ask for they give," he concluded.

### The Results.

The full results were as follows:

High Jump (Sr.). 1. Darshan Singh; 2. A. H. Khan; 3. Sunan Aboon.

High Jump (Jr.). 1. Sunan Aboon; 2. Mohd. Yusuf.

Three-Legged Race (Sr.). 1. Mohd. Yusuf and R. Shamsuddin; 2. Ali Mohd. and S. Hassan.

Three-Legged Race (Jr.). 1. Mohd. Yusuf and Sunan Aboon; 2. Mohd. Yusuf and A. H. Abbas.

100 Yards (Sr.). 1. Darshan Singh; 2. Ali Mohd.

100 Yards (Jr.). 1. Ismail Ali; 2. Sunan Aboon.

Sack Race (Sr.). 1. S. Ebrahim; 2. Mohd. Yusuf.

Sack Race (Jr.). 1. A. H. Abbas; 2. Mohd. Yusuf.

220 Yards (Sr.). 1. Darshan Singh; 2. Ali Mohd.

220 Yards (Jr.). 1. Ismail Ali; 2. Sunan Aboon.

Throwing the Cricket Ball. 1. Darshan Singh; 2. Munib Khan.

Class 8 Race. 1. Ismail Ali; 2. Usuf Wahab.

Half Mile Race. 1. Darshan Singh; 2. D. Shamsuddin.

Quarter Mile Race. 1. Ismail Ali; 2. A. H. Abbas.

Class 7 Race.—1. S. M. Abdul Rahman; 2. Mohd. Usuf.

Arithmetic Race.—1. Darshan Singh; 2. Sunan Singh.

Arithmetic Race (Jr.).—1. Piam Singh; 2. D. Tahir.

Masters' Race.—1. Mr. A. Bakar; 2. One Mile.—1. Darshan Singh; 2. D. Shamsuddin.

Consolation Race.—1. Kitchell; 2. R. M. Bux.

Old Boys' Race.—1. M. el Arculli; 2. Dawood Ali.

Senior Champion.—1. Darshan Singh.

### Volunteer Sports.

The High Jump event in connexion with the I.K. Volunteers' sports next Saturday, was competed for yesterday afternoon and resulted as follows:

1. A. V. Gossino (Portuguese Co.); 2. J. J. Ferguson (Scottish Co.); 3. B. Gossino (Portuguese Co.).

### LEAGUE CRICKET.

#### INDIAN R.C. ELEVEN FOR SATURDAY'S MATCH.

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club against the Cragrengover on Saturday, on the Indian Recreation Club ground.—A. A. Ramjahn (Capt.), F. D. Pereira, A. H. Ramjahn, S. R. Kernani, A. H. Lishon, A. R. Minu, A. R. Minu, O. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, J. S. A. Curreen and H. D. Ramjahn.

## SHAMEEN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

### SPORTS CLUB WIN HONOURS.

Shameen, Jan. 19.

An interesting match which decided the League leadership was played here yesterday between Shameen Sports Club and H.M.S. Seamew. The former, winning by two clear goals, have established themselves in an unassailable position as leaders.

Both teams fielded their strongest sides, the Seamew attack being considerably strengthened by the inclusion of inside-right of C. F. Rose, who unfortunately sustained a twisted knee early in the game and was unable to give of his best.

Shameen won the toss and elected to defend the eastern goal. From the kick-off, Seamew were on the attack and kept the ball in Shameen territory for some time, but were unable to penetrate the defence.

Pressure was relieved by a goal kick which Pote-Hunt snapped up and sent his left winger away. Intercepting the centre pass, the Seamew right-back miskicked for a corner to be awarded. Shameen continued to press for some time until Archer was penalised for offside. The remainder of the first half was a ding-dong battle with both sides all out to score.

Seamew missing an opportunity when the Shameen goalie foolishly miskicked a ground shot that would have gone harmlessly behind, the ball almost curling back into the open goal. The interval arrived without either side having scored.

Following the change-over, Shameen attack combined rather better and got down to serious work. Pote-Hunt sending over well-placed passes to his wings, and also putting in some useful solo work. Within ten minutes, Archer put Shameen in the lead with an easy one that he held over the head of the goalie, who was out of position. Seamew made strenuous efforts to get on terms but were met with a stubborn defence, while several long shots were neatly dealt with by Sterling. Pote-Hunt put Shameen further in the lead with a first timer from just outside the penalty area, after which the game alternated from end to end with Seamew trying hard right up to the final whistle. On the run of the play Seamew were unlucky to lose by two clear goals.

Mr. Youngusband lined up the following teams:—

Shameen:—Sterling, Nugent, Gerrard, King, Rasmussen, Segal, Moore, Pote-Hunt, Archer, Weiss, Terdre.

Seamew:—Adams, Friend, Milner, Porter, White, Shen, Hutchins, Collison, Pearson, Rose, Barnett.

The League table is as follows:

Goals: P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.  
Shameen ... 11 8 3 0 31 10 19  
Moat ... 10 4 3 3 19 17 11  
Tarantula ... 8 4 2 2 15 14 10  
Clea ... 10 3 3 4 16 14 9  
Seamew ... 8 3 2 3 15 14 8  
Lashano ... 9 0 3 5 11 32 3  
Moorhen ... 6 0 2 4 7 12 2

—Our Own Correspondent.

### EXCHANGE RATES

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	88 3/4	87 7/8
Geneva	17.13/16	17.70
Berlin	14.20/32	11.11/16
Oslo	18 3/4	18 3/4
Helsingfors	22 1/2	22 1/2
Athens	27 1/2	27 1/2
Buenos Aires	29 1/2	29 1/2
Shanghai	17.10 1/2	17.10 1/2
New York	3.17 1/2	3.45 1/2
Amsterdam	8.62 1/2	8.58 1/2
Vienna	30	30
Madrid	41 1/2	41.1/16
Bucharest	58 1/2	57 1/2
Hongkong	15.1/16	15.1/16
Brussels	24.15/16	24.13/16
Milan	69 1/2	68.15/16
Stockholm	17.15/16	17.15/16
Copenhagen	18 1/2	18 1/2
Prague	117	117 1/2
Lisbon	109 1/2	109 1/2
Rio	4 1/2	4 1/2
Bombay	17 1/2	17 1/2
Yokohama	27 1/2	27 1/2

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### LOCAL CRICKET.

The following will play for the Hongkong Cricket Club against the Civil Service Cricket Club on Saturday, on the Club ground:—R. K. Hepburn (Captain), A. C. Beck, E. R. Duckitt, P. A. M. Elliott, W. D. Foley, C. E. Gahagan, O. E. C. Marton, P. W. J. Plummer, J. R. Rutten, H. L. Stock, J. R. Way.

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All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd January, 1932, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, Hongkong.

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## GEMS OF PERIL.

(Continued from Page 3.)

I guess I kinda dozed off, with my hat shading my eyes, but pretty soon I saw out of the tall of my eye a man standing a few feet away, staring up at the court house steeple. It was De Loma. I couldn't believe my eyes. What was he doing out there? And staring like he'd never seen a building before! Well, that's a famous old court house but it wasn't that kind of a stare. You know what I mean? He looked all greeny around the gills like he was fascinated by it—and scared, too, maybe. I never saw just the same look on a man's face before in my life. No No, sir, I never!

"Says I to myself, oh ho! something's up. I kept my eye on him, though he couldn't see me, least-ways not my face. Pretty soon he turned around like a man in a trance and walked away with his head down, not looking where he was going.

"I sat up and watched him. And then, just as he was crossing the middle of the street, down the road driving hell-bent for election like he always does, came your chauffeur, Tom, in that big Lorraine car. De Loma jumped back quick, but at that Tom had to swerve way out to keep from hitting him. Made Tom hopping mad. He yelled at him and says, 'Why don't you do your sleeping in bed?' and De Loma yelled something back. I didn't catch what. And he just stood there, shaking all over. And he was green in the face that time his eyes all but popping out of his head.

"He looked at the license plate, and when he saw the number he just stood and gaped. A native was standing by the curb, and he asked him, 'Whose car is that?' like the native ought to know, and if he didn't tell he'd shake it out of him. But the guy just shook his head, easy-like. And De Loma went into a drugstore quick and I went in the barbershop next door and watched till he came out. He went over to his car, parked along the courthouse curb, one of those 'Drive It Yourself' buses and got in and set out for town.

"I went in the drugstore, and asked the soda fountain boy about him. He did my telephoning and so on. But the boy said no, all he asked for was a bromo-seltzer, double strength. But a funny thing had happened, he said.

"There was a big clean space, square, on the wall up beside the fly specked mirror where some kind of picture must have hung until very recently. The nail was still there. He pulled that picture down and tore it up in a thousand pieces," the boy told me. He was worried for fear his boss was going to be sore. Seems he was proud of that picture. It was some guy he knew that had since got famous.

"He framed this picture to keep it nice because he was specially proud of it. That was because the man in the picture was born there, in the village, and he knew him since he was a boy."

Bates paused thoughtfully and put a hand in the baggy pocket of his linen coat.

"I asked the boy who it was, but he didn't know. He was just a young punk, the clerk. He didn't remember anything about it. But he told me I could look in the back room where he'd thrown the pieces and maybe I could put them together again."

Out of the pocket Bates now lifted a newspaper parcel. Inside were hundreds of small bits of cardboard, the torn fragments of the

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Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees and the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 26th January, 1932. Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyor.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,  
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Hongkong, 19th January, 1932.

## MR. WONG KWONG-TIN.

FURTHER THREE YEARS ON  
SANITARY BOARD.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday, the appointment of Mr. Wong Kwong-tin as a member for a further three years, was confirmed. Mr. Wong was warmly applauded.

The agenda comprised mostly formal business. Regarding a letter from the Government, relative to an appeal to the Governor-in-Council from Messrs. Palmer and Turner, in respect of wells at Minden Avenue, the Board decided to reply, authenticating the dates and making no comment.

Members present were: Mr. G. R. Sayer (President), Hon. Mr. H. T. Crossy (vice-President), Dr. G. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health), Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. F. C. Hall, Dr. R. A. de Castro, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. J. H. Gelling (secretary), and Mr. J. Hargreaves (assistant secretary).

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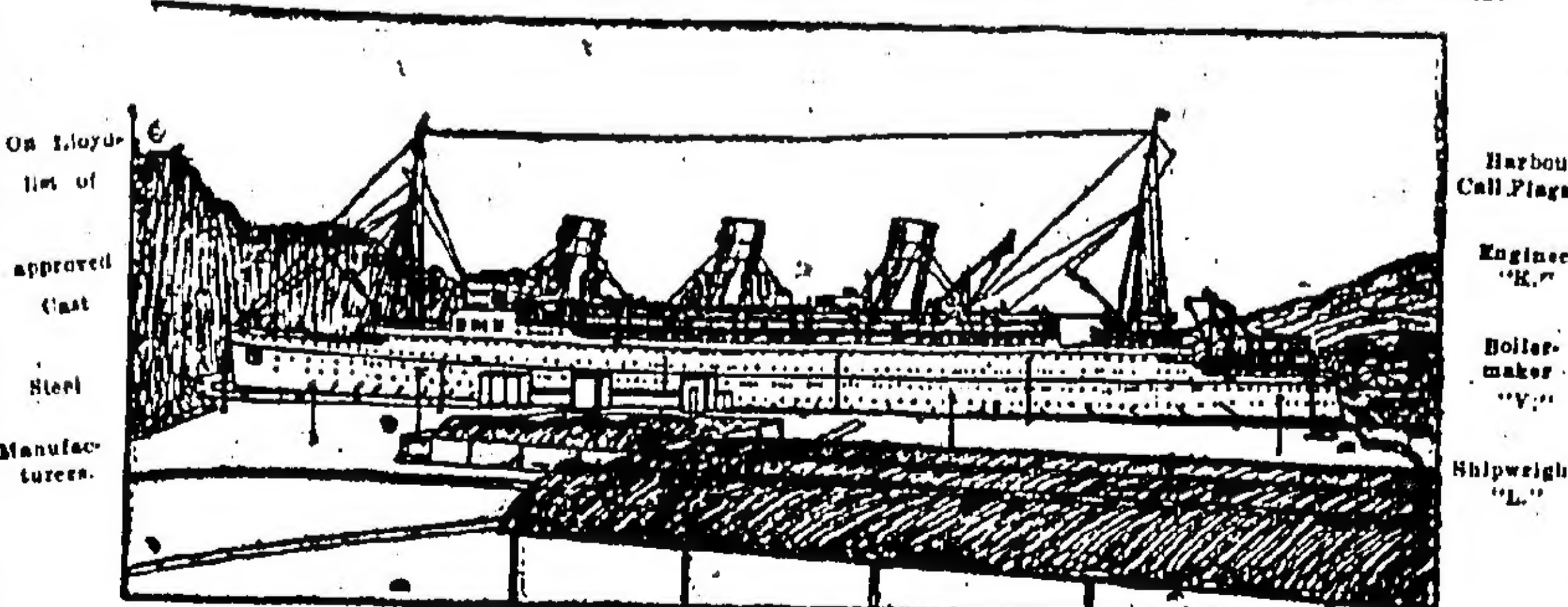
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### SWATOW STRIKE ENDED.

**STUDENTS AGAIN AT SCHOOL.**

(Our Own Correspondent).

Swatow, Jan. 17. The students' strike is now ended, and all students will return to their books to-morrow morning. They have asked for, and will probably be granted, a week's holiday to celebrate the settlement.

The trouble originally arose when the students smashed up the premises of the local Party Headquarters as a protest against alleged slackness in prosecuting the Anti-Japanese boycott. The Party leaders thereupon closed the offices of the Boycott Committee, accusing the students of being unable to differentiate between Japanese and other foreign goods, with the result that non-Japanese goods had been illegally confiscated.

The student retaliated by stating that Japanese goods were being imported via Britain and Canada, and came out on strike. Meantime the merchants of Swatow were beginning to find things difficult, thousands of dollars worth of goods being held up, and the prospects of closing their financial year at Chinese New Year satisfactory extremely remote.

As usual both parties were partially right. A settlement has been reached by the Party Headquarters in Canton promising to send a man to Swatow, who is to be the sole judge, in case of difficulty or dispute, as to what goods are Japanese or otherwise. The Boycott Committee is to be re-organized, and all sides are happy meantime.

### CHINA POLITICAL SITUATION.

**CHIANG AND WANG TO GO TO NANKING.**

Shanghai, Jan. 20. News from Hangchow that Chiang Kai-shek and Wang Ching-wei, will be leaving together with Sun Fo, for Nanking this afternoon is causing the highest interest in political circles.

It is understood that Mr. Sun Fo, who represents the Executive Yuan, has addressed a long letter to Marshal Yen Hsi-shun inviting him to proceed immediately to Nanking to join the Coalition Government.

Interviewed in Nanking, Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang yesterday strongly advocated the severance of political relations with Japan. He considered it imperative that the Nanking Government should render material assistance to the

### GIVEN NEW POST.



General Dawes, appointed head of new American credit organisation.

### Diplomat Turns to Finance.

**GENERAL DAWES'S NEW POST.**

Washington, Jan. 19.

It was disclosed to-day that General Charles Dawes, U.S. Ambassador in London, has been appointed as the head of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation recently formed by the Government.

After the announcement of his appointment, General Dawes stated that his resignation of the Ambassadorship would become effective immediately.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation, with a huge capital, has been formed, with the approval of Congress, for the purposes of providing for the extension of industrial credits in the United States. —*Reuter.*

Chinese militia who are being isolated and disarmed in Southern Fengtien and on the Fengtien-Jehol frontier. —*Reuter.*

Held Up by Weather.

Nanking, Jan. 20. A telephone message from Hangchow states that Chiang Kai-shek was unable to take off for Nanking this morning, as intended, but he will fly to the capital this afternoon if the weather clears up. If not, he will definitely leave for Nanking to-morrow morning.

General Wang Shi-ho, commander of Chiang Kai-shek's bodyguards, arrived here this morning with a number of his men. Chiang's return here is now considered a certainty. —*Reuter.*

### WIDER WUCHOW STREETS.

**BIG IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED.**

(Our Own Correspondent).

Wuchow, Jan. 17. In furthering their purpose of making Wuchow a modern city, the authorities have decided to inaugurate new plans which include the widening of several streets. It is claimed that the work of transforming these old-fashioned, narrow, dark and smelly passageways into wide, clean, and well-lighted streets, with modern sewerage facilities will commence shortly after the Chinese New Year. The anticipated improvements will necessitate the razing of the parts of some buildings, but the widening of the streets will ultimately add to the value of the property concerned.

These prospective improvements, if carried to completion, are part of a project which was launched some years ago but was hindered by the trouble between Kwangai and Kwangtung.

Much work in the line of improvements was undertaken last year, including the building of a short retaining wall and bund along the west river front, the resurfacing of several streets, and the starting of work on the new Wuchow water system.

When completed, the water system will supply water to every part of the city. An intake into the Fao River, a short distance above the city, a reservoir at the back of the Sun Yat-sen memorial are under construction.

### ROUND TABLE IN INDIA.

**LORD WILLINGDON'S INVITATION.**

London, Jan. 19. The Viceroy, Lord Willingdon, has issued invitations to the members of the Round Table Conference Working Committee to meet on January 28 at New Delhi.

This working committee, over which Lord Willingdon will himself preside, as deputy for the Prime Minister, was set up so that the Round Table Conference should be kept in being and in order that the British Government, through the Viceroy, might continue in effective touch.

When the Franchise, Federal Finance and States Enquiry Committees, which will shortly begin work in India, have made their recommendations, this working committee, which is representative of practically all shades of Indian opinion, will be brought into consultation thereon before the final conclusions are adopted by the Government. —*British Wireless.*

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